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Volunteers Make a Difference In a Northern Utah River

A four-mile stretch of the Malad River is in better shape this summer because of the hard work of many volunteers this past spring.

Nucor Steel's Bar Mill Group, Plymouth Division, working with the Utah Adopt-A-Waterbody program, organized a clean-up and restoration project on the river.

More than 60 Educational Award students, provided with scholarships by Nucor, assisted with the Malad River Project.

The students and several volunteer parents planted a variety of woody Utah Native plants and tree seedlings along the banks of the river. Some of the common names for the vegetation planted include Sliver Buffaloberry,

Yellow Willow, Golden Willow and Black Hawthorne. Nearly 400 trees were planted approximately 50 feet apart on the river banks. Three hundred rebar cages were built and placed over the newly planted trees to protect them from wildlife and cattle. Planting this vegetation will help control erosion of the river banks and increase wildlife habitat. Canoes were used to float up and down the river to pick up litter and debris. Discarded tires, cans, bottles, signs and garbage were retrieved from the river and surrounding areas. After a long day of snow, cold and ultimately sunshine, the river looked significantly better.

Future projects for the Malad River will include annual major cleanups, periodic minor cleanups throughout the year, and educational activities to increase public awareness to those who may impact water quality.

To make the project a reality, Nucor representatives worked with Shelly Quick, Utah Adopt-A-Waterbody program, Paula Mohadjer, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, and Susan Meyers, Utah Native Plant Society.

Leavitt Picked to Head EPA

President George W. Bush nominated Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt in mid-August to succeed Christine Todd Whitman as administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The nomination caught many people in Utah and the rest of the country by surprise. Members of the governor's Cabinet Council were called to Gov. Leavitt's office Monday morning, August 11, 2003. By early afternoon the news about the impending appointment was quickly spreading in the media and in the environmental community.

Intense speculation had focused on Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne (R), a former one-term senator with strong ties to Capitol Hill. Governor Leavitt was among a number of early candidates for the EPA post, but said he was not interested as recently as June in an interview with the Salt Lake Tribune.

Leavitt flew to Denver that afternoon to join the president for a news conference in the Mile-High City.

He told the president and the world that he is leaving Utah a better place than when he found it.

"The air is cleaner, the water is more pure, the land better cared for, the people more safe."

The governor vowed to do the same thing for EPA and the nation's

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Nucor employees, volunteer parents and students take part in an Adopt-A-Waterbody project on the Malad River on a cold April day. Volunteers cleaned up and planted trees and other vegetation along several miles of the river during the project.



Training Announcement

Getting in Step

A Guide to Conducting Watershed Outreach Campaigns

Outreach is more than just the occasional watershed tour, fact sheet or newsletter. To be successful, outreach should be a strategically planned campaign that follows a step-by-step process:

- ◆ Determining goals and objectives,
- ◆ Researching targeted audiences,
- ◆ Researching and creating the message,
- ◆ Determining the best formats,
- ◆ Evaluating the effectiveness of the campaign.

Getting in Step is a do-it-yourself guidebook and video for conducting watershed outreach campaigns. This free, one day training will help you hit the ground running with the Getting in Step concepts.

Training Date:

October 8, 2003

Location:

Salt Lake City, Utah
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
350 North Redwood Road

Time:

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Training Registration

(no cost--lunch provided)

Please fill out the information to the right and send it to:

Jack Wilbur
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6500
Or

E-mail me with the date you want to attend, your name, affiliation, address and telephone number to:
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Outreach Workshop set for SLC

More than 40 local representatives from watershed groups, agencies, and municipalities have attended the first two Getting in Step Watershed Outreach training workshops.

The workshops, hosted by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food and Utah State University Extension, are designed to teach local watershed committees and municipalities involed in water quality efforts how to plan, research, execute and evaluate a successful outreach campaign.

"Outreach is more than just creating brochures and distributing them randomly," said Jack Wilbur, information and education coordinator for the Utah Nonpoint Source Task Force. "Outreach is communicating a message to a specific audience and getting a response from that audience. Audience research is the key to choosing the right message for the right audience," Wilbur said.

The workshop is designed to give participants a practical introduction to using the do-it-yourself guidebook "Getting in Step: A guide to conducting watershed outreach campaigns." The guide and training go through a six-step process that includes planning an outreach campaign, researching your target audiences and the potential messages, creating messages that will resonate with your audiences, delivering those messages via the best media outlets, and evaluating the success of the campaign. Registration is free. See page 2 for details.

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environment if the Senate confirms him.

President Bush praised Leavitt as "a trusted friend, a capable executive and a man who understands the obligations of environmental stewardship." The two men served together on the National Governor's Association while Bush was Governor of Texas.

"The work of the EPA is vital and reflects a national consensus on the importance of good stewardship," said Bush.

That work and Leavitt's record will probably come under attack during upcoming Senate confirmations hearings, which are expected to be fierce. Senator Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., is a news release about Leavitt's nomination, lambasted Bush for having the "worst environmental record in history.

"The American people deserve to know whether Governor Leavitt shares the same disregard for clean air, clean water, land conservation and global warming as the president," Lieberman added.

Governor Leavitt should be supported in the Senate by the Republican majority. Senator Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, issued a news release praising the governor for working closely with people "interested in achieving a balanced approach to the protection of our environment and our natural resources." According to Hatch, "his work on land and energy issues is admired nationally."

Leavitt Confirmation May be Tough Battle

The afternoon that Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt was nominated by President George W. Bush to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, local environmentalists were gathering in Downtown Salt Lake City to voice concern about the governor's pending appointment. Congressional leaders were also offering their opinions on talk shows and through news releases.

Within a few days, the attorneys general of New York and Connecticut, and groups including the Environmental Integrity Project and Clear the Air called on Leavitt to take a clear stand on pending clean-air regulation changes and other issues.

They are most concerned about a proposed EPA rule change that could allow existing power plants to make large renovations and expansion without installing new pollution-control equipment that would be required for new plants. Current law allows such action if resulting emissions would be no worse than the previous year. Proposed new rules would instead allow the action if emissions were no worse than the highest level of any year during the previous decade.

Activists point to the air quality rule as another example of the Bush Administration favoring business over the environment. They want to know

where the new nominee stands on several key environmental issues.

"If Governor Leavitt's mandate is to continue to take a position that supports Bush administration reinterpretation of the Clean Air Act, we will fight him every step of the way."

The governor's administration in Utah has sent conflicting signals about the proposed rule, according to many environmental activists. On the one hand some state officials have testified against it. Conversely, the state has joined seven other states in a court petition against the action.

Activists also point to conflicting environmental stands relating to water. Leavitt has been criticized by environmentalists for his position on the Legacy Highway, which would displace and replace some wetlands near the Great Salt Lake in Davis County. On the other hand, he has received higher marks for his support of efforts to improve agricultural water quality.

Finally, the governor's fight against storing nuclear waste in Utah has received universal praise from environmentalists.

Former democratic strategist and current CNN analyst, Donna Brazile, says she thinks Leavitt will ultimately be confirmed, after a lot of tough questions.

"We like to ask questions in Washington," she mused.

Water Quality Again Emphasized at Summer Camp Program

The Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) Camping program just finished its third season in Utah. Once again the Utah Adopt-A-Waterbody program participated in environmental education activities that are part of each of the 24-hour campouts.

WOW is a national program started by Disney and Coleman corporations to introduce inner-city youth 8-12 to campaign and outdoor natural resources activities.

"Many of the young people at these camps have never been camping before," said Troy Bennett, executive director, Utah Federation for Youth. "Some of them haven't even been to the nearby mountains.

So the camps are set up in city parks close to where the children live to help them feel more at ease as

they learn about camping.

"The kids have fun while they are at camp, but they also learn about camping safety and taking care of the environment," Bennett said.

Jack Wilbur, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, teaches campers about water pollution. With the help of an Americorps camp counselor, Rachel Myers, Wilbur collects insects from the stream and conducts several simple water chemistry tests to help determine the water quality of the stream.

"While the exercise is nowhere nearly comprehensive, it is designed to help campers make the connection between common activities around the home such as fertilizing and water pollution and its impact in a stream or lake," said Wilbur.



Rachel Myers, an Americorp National Civilian Conservation Corp team member assigned to work with the WOW program, teaches campers about water quality.

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2003 Utah Nonpoint Source Water Quality Conference
& Bear River Watershed Symposium

Canyon Cove Inn and Convention Center, 315 W. Logan Hwy, Garden City, UT September 3-5, 2003

Agenda

Limited Space Available — Register Early

Tuesday, September 2 Various Board and Committee Meetings

- 8:00 a.m. Utah Association of Conservation Districts Board of Directors Meeting— Garden City Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Bear River Commission, Water Quality Committee Meeting— Canyon Cove Convention Center
- 1:00 p.m. Utah Soil Conservation Commission Meeting—Garden City Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Utah Water Quality Board Meeting—Bear Lake Garden Gate Inn (Lower Level)

“Three States — One Watershed”

Registration: 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. 2003 Utah Nonpoint Source Water Quality Conference

Wednesday, September 3

- 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. Full Breakfast — Inn at Harbor Village
- Registration – Bear Lake Visitor Center at Canyon Cove Location

General Session I Canyon Cove Convention Center

- 8:00 a.m. Comments George Hopkin, Chairman, NPS Conference Committee
- Introductions Mitch Poulsen, Deputy Director, Bear Lake Regional Commission
- Reed Gardner / Lloyd Rasmussen, Co-chairs — Tri-State Bear River Water Quality Task Force
- 8:30 a.m. Key Note Speaker Dee Hansen, Chairman, Bear River Commission
- 9:00 a.m. Break provided
- 9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion Bear River Water Quality – Current Conditions & Issues/Problems
- Moderator Jack Barnett, Manager/Engineer for the Bear River Commission
- Gary Beach, Water Quality Director Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
- Dave Mabe, Water Quality Director Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
- Don A. Ostler, Water Quality Director Utah Department of Environmental Quality
- Richard Sims, State ConservationistIdaho USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Lincoln E. “Ed” Burton, State Conservationist ... Wyoming USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Phillip “Skip” Nelson, State Conservationist Utah USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Pat Takasugi, Director Secretary Idaho Department of Agriculture
- John Etchepare, DirectorWyoming Department of Agriculture
- Cary Peterson, Commissioner Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own

General Session II Canyon Cove Convention Center

- 1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion (continued)
- Bear River Water Quality – Current Conditions & Issues/Problems

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3:00 p.m.	Break provided
General Session III	Canyon Cove Convention Center
3:30 p.m.	Scott Evans/Erick Duffin, Cirrus Ecological SolutionBear River TMDLs Watershed Plans/WQS Model
4:15 p.m.	Kidd Wadell, Hydrologist, USGS National Water Quality Assessment/Great Salt Lake Basins
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn: Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 4

6:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast — Inn at Harbor Village Registration — Bear Lake Visitor Center at Canyon Cove Location
General Session IV	Canyon Cove Convention Center
8:00 a.m.	First Tour Bus Leaves Bear Lake Area — Lunch and Breaks provided on tour
6:00 p.m.	Barbecue — Garden City Park, Catered by Society for Range Management (SRM) Water Quality Awards — Presenter - Nancy Mesner, USU Extension Water Quality Specialist

Friday, September 5

6:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast — Inn at Harbor Village
General Session V	Canyon Cove Convention Center
8:00 a.m.	Bear Lake Issues and State Revolving Funds Moderator Bill Bradwisch, UDWR Scott Tolentino, Bear Lake Project Manager, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Bear Lake Fishery Claudia Conder, Water Rights Administrator, PacifiCorp Power & Irrigation (Hydrology)) Vince Lamarra, Owner, Ecosystems Research Institute Water Quality (Limnology) Shelly Quick, Utah Division of Water Quality State Revolving Loan Funds for NPS Projects
9:45 a.m.	Break provided
General Session VI	Canyon Cove Convention Center
10:15 a.m.	NPS Implementation Projects Moderator Mike Allred, UDWQ Chuck Harnish, TMDL Coordinator Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Lynn Van Every, Regional Water Quality Manager Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Jon Hardman, District Conservationist Utah USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Jeff Schick, District Conservationist Utah USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Tim Julander, District Conservationist Utah USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
12:15 noon	Closing remarks & Adjourn, George Hopkin, Chairman, NPS Conference Committee

See you next year at our **2004 Utah Nonpoint Source Water Quality Conference,**
Ruby’s Inn, Bryce Canyon, UT, September

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Payment Information: Pre-registration is \$95.00 for Conference and Tour, \$15.00 for Barbecue — postmark deadline is August 8, 2003. Registration for spouse or guest is \$15.00 for Tour, and \$15.00 for Barbecue. There will be a \$10.00 late fee for all registrations postmarked after August 8, 2003. A registration receipt will be included in your registration packet.

Payment in full or purchase order must accompany registration. Please enclose a company or personal check or a fully completed purchase order indicating that payment will follow. Purchase orders must be completed in full and signed by the designated fiscal officer. Registrations without fully completed purchase orders will be held for on-site registration with a late registration fee of \$10.00.

Refund Policy: Cancellations must be made in writing. If received by August 20, 2003, refund of registration fees less a \$10.00 administrative fee will be given. No refunds will be issued after this date. Substitutions are acceptable when requested in writing before the conference or at the on-site registration.

Meals: A full breakfast will be served at the Inn at Harbor Village, a 5-minute drive from the Canyon Cove Convention Center where the conference will be held. (This is not a buffet breakfast) **Allow yourself enough time to eat and arrive at the Nonpoint Source Water Quality Conference by 8:00 a.m.** (See map shown below). All breaks provided. Lunch provided on tour.

Bear Lake Tour: Busses will leave Canyon Cove Inn & Convention Center at 8:00 am, 8:45 am and 9:30 am. When you fill out your registration form be sure and indicate which tour bus departure time you would prefer. We will do our best to meet your request. The tour bus you are scheduled to take will be listed on the activity card attached to the right side of your name tag.

Barbecue & Water Quality Awards Presentation: You provide your own transportation to the barbecue at Garden City Park—6:00 p.m. Barbecue catered by the Society for Range Management.

Tour Sites: This year's tour will travel around Bear Lake, with stops that highlight the region's unique history, geology, biology and water quality issues. The tour will include:

- Swan Creek area – Bonneville Cutthroat trout restoration and other fisheries issues
- Paris, ID – history of the area, including a tour of the historic Paris Tabernacle
- Bear Lake Migratory Bird Refuge – birds and wildlife
- Lifton Station – management of the lake level and water quality of the lake
- Lunch at Bear Lake State Park – the geology of the lake and its surrounding area
- South end of the lake – ongoing and planned water quality projects

Map of Bear Lake Area

1. Canyon Cove (Convention Center) 2. Harbor Village Inn 3. KOA 4. Bear Lake Motor Lodge
5. Blue Water Resort 6. Garden City Park

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Hotels—YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Special Lodging Rates: Nonpoint Source Water Quality Conference

Blocks of rooms are being held at the following hotels. Please call the telephone numbers listed below to make your own reservations. Reservations must be made as soon as possible, since each hotel varies on the date when the block of room’s per diem rate will be released for general sale to the public. **Be sure to inform the clerk that you will be attending the Nonpoint Source Conference.**

Conference Hotels

Garden City, UT/Montpelier, ID

<u>Bear Lake Motor Lodge</u> 50 S. Bear Lake Blvd. Garden City, Utah 84028 (435) 946-3333* FAX (435) 946-3330 \$55.00	**40 min drive from Montpelier to Garden City
<u>Canyon Cove Inn & Convention Center</u> 315 W. Logan, Hwy Garden City, Utah 84028 (435) 946-3565 FAX (435) 946-3565 ex. 180 \$55.00	<u>** Best Western Clover Creek Inn</u> 243 North 4th Street Montpelier, ID (208) 847-1782 1-800—528-1234 \$55.00
<u>Ideal Beach Resort Condominums & Motel</u> 2176 S. Bear Lake Blvd (435) 946-3364, 1-800-634-1018 \$88.00	<u>** Montpelier Super 8 Motel</u> 276 N. 4 th Street Montpelier, ID (208) 847-8888 1-800-800-8000 Single \$54.00 Double \$64.80
<u>Blue Water Resort</u> 2126 S. Bear Lake Blvd. Garden City, Utah 84028 (435) 946-3333* FAX (435) 946-3330 \$55.00	<u>Bluebird Inn</u> ½ mile N of UT/ID Border 6 miles North of Garden City Fish Haven, ID 1-800-797-6448 (208) 945-2571 \$75.00 to \$100.00
<u>The Inn at Harbor Village (Condo)</u> 900 N. Bear Lake Blvd. Garden City, Utah 84028 (435) 946-3300 FAX (435) 946-3560 \$79.00 (one bedroom condo)	
<u>Sweetwater Condominums</u> 925 E. 900 S. SLC., UT 1-800-272-8824 \$55.00 <u>Harbor Village Realty & Rental (Condo)</u> 900 N. Bear Lake Blvd. #102 Garden City, Utah 84028 (435) 946-3448 FAX (435) 946-2819 \$79.00 (one-bedroom) \$200 (two or three bedrooms)	
<u>KOA</u> 485 N. Bear Lake Blvd. Garden City 84028 \$22.00 - \$45.00 RVs and Tents Cabins and cottages \$50.00 - \$138.00 (800) 562-3442 or (435) 946-3454	

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Montpelier, ID

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Registration Form

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Organization

Companion's Name

Address

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Conference & Tour

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Barbecue & Awards

\$15.00

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\$15.00

Tour only (Spouse or guest)

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Late Fee for all registrations postmarked after August 20, 2003

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\$10.00

Total

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Tour:

Please Circle which tour bus departure time you would prefer:

Departure Time

8:00 am

8:45 am

9:30 am

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